

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION**

BETWEEN

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND THE

ITALIAN ENTE NAZIONALE PER L'AVIAZIONE CIVILE, ITALIAN REPUBLIC

WHEREAS the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") of the Department of Transportation of the United States of America ("U.S.") and the Italian Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile ("ENAC") have a common interest in promoting safe operations and seek to benefit from increased mutual cooperation in the area of commercial space transportation oversight;

WHEREAS both the FAA and ENAC desire to promote and maintain a dynamic, safe and efficient domestic space transportation industrial base;

WHEREAS the FAA and ENAC understand the U.S. National Space Transportation Policy of 2013 and the U.S. National Space Policy of 2010 ("Space Policies") emphasize the importance of U.S. and international collaboration in mutually beneficial space transportation-related activities that may include, but are not limited to: space science; space exploration, including human space flight activities and space transportation;

WHEREAS both Governments signed the March 19, 2013, Framework Agreement for Cooperation in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, FAA and ENAC, (collectively, the "Participants," and individually, a "Participant") declare as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

- A. Pursuant to this Memorandum of Cooperation (the "MOC"), the Participants intend to cooperate in the development of safety regulations, standards, and licensing measures to be applied to commercial space transportation. The principal objectives of this cooperation are to exchange ideas, information, and to collaborate on problems and projects of mutual interest.
- B. Such cooperation should concentrate on public safety, policy, and commercial orbital and suborbital space transportation activities.
- C. The objectives of this MOC may be achieved by cooperation in the following areas including but not limited to:
 - 1. The exchange of information regarding law, regulations, policies, programs and projects, research results, and publications;

2. The sharing of established practices;
3. The strengthening of private sector partnerships;
4. The joint organization of symposia, workshops, conferences or working groups;
and
5. Any other cooperative activities mutually determined by the Participants to be beneficial.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. Cooperation among the Participants under this MOC is subject to the availability of funds and other necessary resources, and to the applicable domestic laws and regulations of the United States and Italy.
- B. Representatives from the FAA and ENAC intend to meet periodically.
- C. The Participants intend to notify each other within 30 days to establish a working agenda and contacts to be responsible for the coordination and management of any cooperative activities under this MOC. Each Participant intends to appoint two individuals to work towards implementing the desired cooperation.

III. EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION

- A. Cooperation under this MOC becomes effective on the date of the last signature and is intended to continue for two years from its signature or until terminated pursuant to paragraph B.
- B. Either Participant may withdraw from this MOC at any time by providing written notice, but each Participant should endeavor to provide sixty (60) days' written notice to the other Participant.

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